

PROPOSAL NO. 71
(for Commission use)

2005-06 HONOLULU CHARTER COMMISSION
CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

1. Provide a brief description of the purpose of the proposed charter amendment; include a description of the problem the proposal would address and how the proposal would address the problem:

Honolulu lags behind many other cities around the U.S. in its commitment to recycling, with less than one-third of its municipal waste being recycled. There is widespread interest in curbside recycling among Honolulu residents, and steps have already been taken to begin a curbside recycling program.

The provisions of the City Charter clearly designate the responsibility of waste disposal, but do not clearly designate the increasingly important responsibility of leading our city's efforts to recycle our waste. With the main landfill on Oahu slated for closure in three years and a contentious fight over siting the next landfill ahead, recycling is more important than ever. The City Charter should demonstrate our city's serious commitment to recycling.

This proposed charter amendment clarifies the duties of the director of the Department of Environmental Services to specify that he/she shall develop and administer a curbside recycling program.

2. If applicable, list the charter provision(s) proposed to be deleted or amended:

Amend Section 6-803.

3. If the proposal is based on a provision or provisions in the charter or law of another jurisdiction, name the jurisdiction and, if possible, attach a copy of the relevant provision(s).

N/A

4. If the proposal is based on any written materials you have, please attach a copy with a citation to its source.

N/A

5. Attach the text of the proposed charter amendment in Ramseyer format (see below).

Section 6-803. Powers, Duties and Functions –

The director of the department of environmental services shall:

- (a) Advise the director of design and construction concerning the planning and design of wastewater facilities.**
- (b) Oversee the operation and maintenance of sewer lines, treatment plants and pumping stations.**
- (c) Monitor the collection, treatment and disposal of wastewater.**
- (d) Provide chemical treatment and pumping of defective cesspools.**
- (e) Develop and administer solid waste collection, processing and disposal systems.**
- (f) Develop and administer a curbside recycling system.**
- (g) [(f)] Promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to administer and enforce requirements established by law.**
- (h) [(g)] Perform such other duties as may be required by law.**